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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Kenneth N Vanderpuye

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3-12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ma et al.(5,953,338).

With regards to claim 1, Ma teaches a system comprising:

Trunk interconnection devices (ATM edge switch, Fig. 3) that can be used for either computer data or telephone traffic(voice, data traffic), said trunk interconnection resources providing a first amount of bandwidth that can be allocated to said computer data traffic or telephone traffic(bandwidth manager assigns bandwidths to virtual paths or trunks, Fig. 2@150, first bandwidth is the total BW available), data traffic generating devices for generating data traffic(customer premise computers), said data traffic requires a second amount of bandwidth and having specified class of service(bandwidth requirements are calculated differently for each service

class hence data traffic bandwidth is different for voice. The class of service for data traffic could be VBR or connectionless oriented traffic, Fig. 6), voice traffic generating devices for generating voice traffic (telephones), said voice traffic requiring a third amount of bandwidth and having specified class of service(bandwidth requirements are calculated differently for each service class hence voice traffic bandwidth is different for data. The class of service for voice traffic could be CBR or connection oriented traffic, Fig. 6), means for dynamically adjusting the amount of said first bandwidth allocated to said data traffic and to said voice traffic depending upon said class of service of said traffic.(col. 13 lines 20-23, 35-35-38, 42-47).

Claim 2 is rejected for the same reasons as claim 1 because Ma teaches means for allocating multiple qualities of service for multiple streams of data traffic and multiple streams of voice traffic drawing from said pool of truck interconnection resources(Fig. 5A, 7A)

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-12 allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth N Vanderpuye whose


telephone number is 571-272-3078. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F(7:30-5:00) Second Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-3126.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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